

Child Care Providers

REFERENCE	Section 39-1118, Idaho Code; Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 11, "Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Licensed Day Care Facilities in Idaho".
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INSTRUCTIONS	Parents must present their child's Immunization Record within fourteen (14) days of a child's initial attendance. Copy the full date (day/month/year) of each shot onto the Idaho Child Care Health Form and then determine if the child is up to date. Health Forms are available through the Idaho Immunization Program. As the child care provider, it is your responsibility to follow up regularly until all required shots have been received.
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IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED TO ATTEND CHILD CARE, BY AGE, FOR CHILDREN FOUR (4) MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER	Age When Enrolling	Immunizations (Shots) Required
	4-5 months	2 each of DTaP, Polio, Hib, Hep B
	6-11 months	3 each of DTaP, Hib*, Hep B
		2 Polio
	12-14 months.....	4 Hib ^{1*}
		3 each DTaP, Polio, Hep B
		1 MMR, on or after the first birthday
	15 months-5 years	4 each DTaP, Hib ^{1*}
		3 each Polio, Hep B
		1 MMR, on or after the first birthday

¹ At least 1 Hib dose given on or after the first birthday is required regardless of any doses given before the first birthday

*If Comvax or Pedvax Hib are given, one less dose is required

You may admit children who are behind on their immunizations, **provided** the child is up to date with no shots currently due. You must follow up to make sure that the next shots are received when due.

Note: Chickenpox (varicella) immunization is recommended for all children 12 months of age and older in child care. To prevent outbreaks, child care providers should promote chickenpox immunizations. In addition, pneumococcal and hepatitis A vaccines are also highly recommended for the child care population.

WHEN NEXT SHOTS ARE DUE	Polio #2	2 months after first dose
	Polio #3	2-12 months after 2 nd dose
	DTaP #2, #3	2 months after previous dose
	DTaP #4	6-12 months after the 3 rd dose
	Hib #2, #3, #4	2 months after previous dose
	HepB #2	1-2 months after first dose
	HepB #3	2-6 months after 2 nd dose and 4 months after first dose

EXEMPTIONS	Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim exemption from immunization requirements for their child based on religious or personal beliefs. A medical exemption will be granted for those children who present a letter from their physician stating that the child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving the necessary vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy. For those children with an exemption, a signed exemption affidavit (available through the State Immunization Program) or physician letter must be on file for the child. (Section 39-4802, Idaho Code)
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